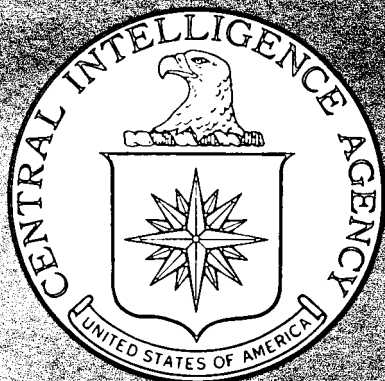


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CONTINUING ANALYSIS OF RECENT LOW LEVEL PHOTOGRAPHY REVEALS THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARE RAPIDLY COMPLETING AN INLAND ROAD NETWORK BETWEEN THANH HOA AND DONG HOI. THIS ROAD SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE AN ALTERNATE NETWORK OF ROADS CLOSELY TIED IN WITH THE EXISTING VULNERABLE COASTAL ROUTE WHICH HAS BEEN CONTINUALLY INTERDICTED BY U.S. AIR STRIKES. THIS NEW ROAD SYSTEM WILL ENHANCE NORTH VIETNAM'S CAPABILITY OF MOVING LOGISTICAL SUPPLIES TOWARD THE INFILTRATION ROUTES LOCATED IN THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE. THE NETWORK IS LOCATED AT THE BASE OF THE ANNAMETIQUE CHAINE (MOUNTAIN CHAIN) AVOIDING THE WET COASTAL LOWLANDS. IN CONTRAST TO THE COASTAL ROUTE, THIS NETWORK WILL PRESENT FEWER INTERDICTION TARGETS DUE TO THE LACK OF BRIDGES, FORDS AND FERRY SITES.



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